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622 If a theft is reported to the chief, he calls upon the perpe-
627 trator, by loud proclamations in the middle of the village, to
685 return the stolen goods. A response usually follows, and the object is simply put back in its place secretly, whereby the matter is settled.

Otherwise the chief has the right to have the huts searched. An object is taken away from a suspect as security until the corpus delicti is delivered. If the thief is found out, it is left to the victim to have himself indemnified.

622 If the chief does not fulfill his position or if the community cannot tolerate him for other reasons, he is simply deserted and another is chosen.

584 Marriage. The young man states his purpose to the parents of the chosen one; the latter ask their daughter for her consent. According to Couto Magelhães, a formal announcement is made
585 before the assembled community. Then the bridegroom hands over his weapons to the bride to keep and takes her to the house of one of his closest relatives, since, as a bachelor, he does not yet have one of his own. For four nights the two sleep on one mat, but separated by a wide intervening space, with no advances allowed. On the fifth day the bride is brought back to her father's house, where she hands the weapons back to the bridegroom. As a sign that he is capable of taking care of a family, the young man goes hunting for a few days and returns only with slain booty (1).

1. It is doubtful whether the test of strength by dragging a heavy block of palm wood, as is required among certain Gẽs tribes, also occurs among the Karaya.

A drinking bout, which the parents of the bride arrange, concludes the whole thing. Only then is the more intimate intercourse of the two spouses allowed (2). Then the erection of their own home follows.

833 2. Karayae cum mulieribus more indigenarum Australiae concumbent. Vir pedibus extensis humi sedet et mulierum supinam ante se jacentem

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622 the honor remains with her; /323/ it does not pass on to her husband. If the chief has no descendants, the village remains without a head; the only thing to be done then is to train a boy from infancy on for this office. Then the men of the village deliberate, choose a child, go to its mother and ask her whether she will permit her child to become chief. If she gives her consent, the boy is trained for his office, apparently by his father. Thus, for example, the chief of Village 7 had died long ago. His son's name was Cadete; he had three daughters and a son. The son died prematurely, the daughters did not wish to accept the rule; hence there was no chief in this village. "One would first have to be trained for this."

609 [624] Strangers are received and given hospitality by the chief. Good form demands that the stranger receive all kinds of gifts (coconuts, honey, batatas, pots, mats, etc.), in the expectation that he will give lavishly in return. In my camp near the villages I was never alone; rather, there was uninterruptedly, day and night, a watch of two or three youths, sometimes even several, present in the camp. At night they slept beside the fire. Apparently this precaution arose out of a mistrust of strangers. Now, however, the placing of the watch by the very Indians who still observe the old forms is regarded as an honor accorded the strangers, and the honor is particularly great if the chief himself spends the night in the camp of the stranger.

421 Legal affairs. Personal property is already very highly developed. As such they regard: house and boat (both belonging to the woman), weapons, implements, ornaments, and articles of clothing. The food from the plantings is family property; large booty from hunting and fishing is distributed to the entire village. Even small children have their ornaments and toys as property. Only the specific owner decides whether to sell, if it is a child, its parents, usually the mother. Outsiders never interfere in the personal affairs of others.

● 685 Property violations seldom occur. As far as I was concerned, I observed an attempted theft only once. Thefts seem to extend essentially to produce from the plantings and apparently do not remain concealed for long.

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685 627 remain concealed for long. The injured person complains to the chief; he sends him to the thief with the instruction to demand compensation from him. If the thief refuses, however, the injured one again complains to the chief and may, if the latter agrees, start a "fight" with the former, in other words, demand his rights by force.

687 627 Murders seem to occur, though seldom. The custom of blood vengeance prevails: the relatives of the slain one pursue the murderer everywhere, even into other villages, until they have slain him.

689 Social life. Objectionable elements (boasters, gossipers, quarrelsome persons) are on occasion flogged. Thus, my camarada Pedro II in Village 17 is said to get a beating almost weekly on account of his incredible boasting.

/324/ Malicious elements who, with their quarreling, never leave the village in peace are finally, as Kurišť reported, killed by the others at the command of the chief; their relatives then have no right to take blood vengeance.

565 There are no class distinctions. Women and children captured in war serve as slaves of sorts. On the other hand, there are differences in wealth; there are rich and poor people. "The rich man has everything, axes, knives, pots; the poor one has nothing. He goes to the rich one and says: Give me a pot, an ax. The rich man must give it to him." (Kurišť.)

[622] [184] The chiefs in particular are regarded as rich, and they, indeed, must share their surplus of goods with the poor. Ilk in Village 13 and Crisote in Village 22 were regarded as especially rich. The Indians of the south horde are regarded as poor, and they are in compărison with the north horde, which, in turn, is to be designated as poor in relation to the Šavajé.

609 576 Forms of greeting. If someone comes into a strange village, he remains, with bowed head, in the boat (sta sem vergonha, that is, without shame, as the Indians erroneously said, instead of com v.; that is, full of shame) until the others come, greet him, and invite him to come along to the village. Only then do they go on land. This custom was observed in particular among the

Brazil.

When the chief is informed of a rob-
bery, he at once steps just outside of his domicile, and in a 622
stentorian voice that can be clearly heard by every person in 627
the encampment, demands of the thief, whoever he may be, 685
that the stolen articles be returned immediately. Usually, this has the desired effect; the stolen objects are secretly deposited in the place from which they were taken, and the affair is closed. If the articles are not returned, the chief is empowered to institute a search. If suspicion should fall upon a certain individual, the plaintiff may take from him any object he desires, to be held as security until the return of the stolen goods. If the culprit is discovered, his victim is expected to see to it that he is abundantly reimbursed for any loss suffered. If a chief should prove incompetent, or the people 622
cannot get along harmoniously with him, they simply ignore him and choose another.